

WHALEN, ORSON WEBSTER

December 5, 1891-July 2, 1954

A well-known Wheatland man, Orson Webster Whalen, died Friday after a long illness. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Schrader chapel with the Rev. Alan Inglis officiating. Pallbearers were John K. Phifer, Lewis Moulton, Fred Wilson, L.A. Shepard, William Jones and Glen Nixson. Burial was in the Wheatland cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Laura Viola Whalen, a son, John M. Whalen and a daughter, Mrs. Sydney Brown of Albuquerque, N.M. Three sisters, Mrs. Lee Fulk, Casper, Mrs. May Branch, Canton, Ohio; and Mrs. Mary Hobbs, Salinas, Calif.; and five grandchildren, Jonna Kay and Mike Whalen, Wheatland; and Jan, Gretchen and Gregory Brown of Albuquerque, N.M. also survive.

Mr. Whalen first came to Wheatland in 1902, coming here from Montana by covered wagon. He was married to the former Laura Good in 1914, and in 1917, the Whalens moved to Kimball, Nebr. where their children were raised. They returned to Wheatland in 1947.

Mr. Whalen was an electrician, and at one time, served in that capacity for the town of Wheatland. He held one of the oldest electrician union cards. During the last five years, Mr. Whalen had been engaged in farming and ranching.

The son of John and Laura Strong Whalen, he was born in Palmer, Nebr. December 5, 1891 and was 63 years of age at the time of his death.